



STA At-a- Glance

Week 30: April 14 -

April 21, 2026

KUDOS



Congratulations to the STA Senior Girls Soccer team on winning the 2026 BC Catholic Championships last week with an impressive 3-0 victory over Notre Dame.

- Special mention to tournament MVP - Zoe W
- Tournament all-stars - Brianna D and Jaya K
- Golden boot winner - Tiffany H
- Golden glove winner - Ashleigh K

Well done ladies, and thank you to coaches Loui Salituro, Fernando Grossling and Melisa Savino



Congratulations to Grade 8 students **Stella SG**, Maya S, and Johannes W, who represented STA at the **Greater Vancouver Regional Science Fair** at UBC this past weekend. **Johannes'** project, entitled "Creating Clean Energy Through Walking - Every Step Counts," received an **Honourable Mention**, and **Maya's** project, entitled "The Bioplastic Breakdown Race," was awarded a **Bronze Medal** in the Junior Chemistry category.

Congratulations are also extended to Grade 11 students **Rodeen T and Bryan K. Rodeen's** project, called "Ransomware Defence: File-Entropy Monitoring" and **Bryan's** project, "A Correlative Study on Colour-Preference Visual Art in Regulating Affective States Among Neurotypical and Neurodivergent Youth," was awarded a **Silver Medal** in the Health Sciences Category.



These accomplishments reflect students' dedication, curiosity, and perseverance, and it has been truly inspiring to see them shine and represent our school so beautifully.

Thank all teaches who supported this experience and contributed their time and energy.

Special thanks to Ms. Treacy for all her coordination and her excellent leadership in the Science Department, Mr. Krol for being fully present and consistently supportive in ensuring the Science Fair ran smoothly, and Mr. Chan for taking on the important role of guiding the judges.

SHAD

Our Science Department is delighted to share that the following grade 10 students have been accepted to SHAD for July 2026:

- Massimo LP - online
- Peyton M - University of Alberta



SHAD is a prestigious month - long STEAM and entrepreneurship summer program that is recognized around the world for its hands-on learning, emphasis on collaboration, access to scientific and entrepreneurial mentors, and focus on changing the world for the better.

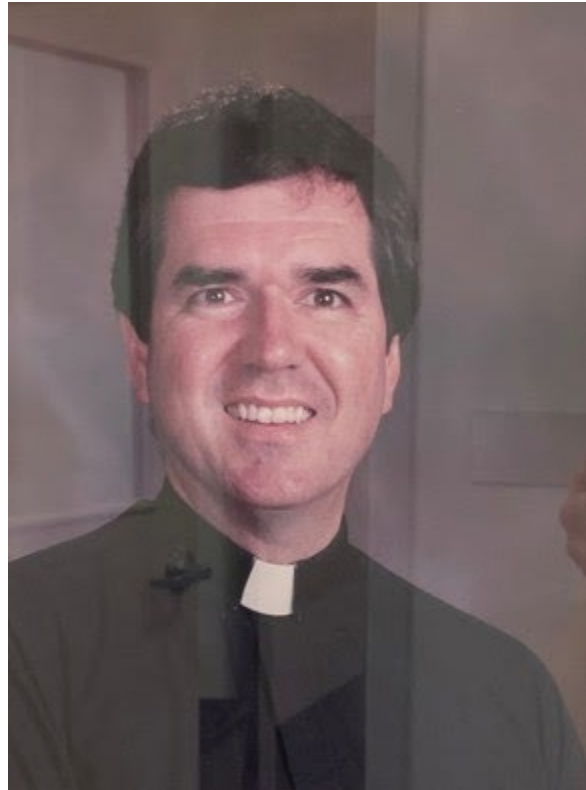


Congratulations to the **Junior Girls Soccer** team for a strong performance in the **Argyle Tournament**. The girls worked hard and secured a couple of key victories. Their teamwork and sportsmanship were evident and we look forward to continuing another great season. Thank you to the coach Felipe Grossling and team manager Meghan Dahl.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

We are saddened to learn of the recent passing of Fr. Ian Stuart, a former principal of St. Thomas Aquinas whose life was marked by faith, service, and devotion to Catholic education. Fr. Ian attended Vancouver College before going on to the University of Victoria, where he earned a BA in German in 1974 and a teaching diploma in 1975. He later served as principal at St. Thomas Aquinas from 1976 to 1980, where he guided and shaped our school community with care and commitment.

After his work in Catholic education, Fr. Ian discerned a call to the priesthood while serving at the Vancouver Catholic School Board. In 1982, he began his seminary studies at the Pontifical Beda College in Rome, where he had the privilege of being the Deacon to Pope John Paul II. He was later ordained to the priesthood for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Vancouver by Archbishop Carney on July 4, 1987, at Holy Rosary Cathedral. We give thanks for Fr. Ian's years of faithful service to the Church and to Catholic education, and we pray: Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him. May he rest in peace.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



STA Spring Plant Sale

Get ready to turn your thumb a deeper shade of green at our upcoming **STA Spring Plant Sale!** Whether you're looking to refresh your windowsill with low-maintenance succulents or planning a full-scale garden takeover with vibrant perennials and organic heirlooms, we've got the perfect leafy companion waiting for you.

Beyond the rows of terra cotta and foliage, you'll find:

- Garden supplies: soil and fertilizer
- Assorted herbs and veggies
- Ferns, flowers and more

It's the perfect excuse to embrace your inner

"plant parent" and bring a little more oxygen (and aesthetic) into your home.

Grandparents/Grandfriends Tea

We are delighted to once again host our complimentary Grandparents/Grandfriends **Tea & Conversation** on May 6 as we honor our beloved grandparents.

Details

- **Date:** Wednesday, May 6
- **Time:** 10:00am – 11:30am
- **Location:** STA Auxiliary Gym, 2nd Floor



Guests will enjoy a selection of fine teas, finger sandwiches, and petit fours while listening to a portion of the STA Choir.

Students can invite and register up to four (4) grandparents **OR** two (2) grandfriends. A grandfriend is someone who is not a direct relative, but plays the role of grandparent in the life of your student(s). Students will greet and say good-bye to their guests, but are not in attendance at the event.

Click [here](#) to register your guests before April 30. Questions? Contact us [here](#).



STA Campus Ministry's Annual International Night - Friday, May 29

Join us as we celebrate and share our many cultures!

We are looking for countries to represent our diverse community and we need your help! We rely entirely on parent/family involvement. As in previous years, we are hoping to host 12 - 15 national tables decorated with cultural artifacts and serving national food. Come together with families from your nation and share your culture with us!

The entire event is a fundraiser, allowing us to support several local and global charities.

Please email [Ms. E. Hughes](mailto:Ms.E.Hughes) if you are interested or would like more information.

If you are not able to help, mark the date on the calendar! We hope to see you on May 29 to enjoy the community, culture, food, and entertainment from the STA Jazz Bands!

All STA student-athletes and their parents are invited to attend STA's **Athletic Celebration Night** on **June 2 at 6:00pm**. During this event, we will recognize all of our athletic teams with special acknowledgement to those athletes who made outstanding achievements in their respective fields.

More details and registration information can be found [here](#). Seats are \$40 per person. Please register by May 26. We look forward to seeing you there.



OFFICE UPDATES



June 2026 Exam Schedule

		Grade 8	Grade 9	Grade 10	Grade 11	Grade 12
Monday, June 8	8:25 AM		French Portfolio	Religion 10		Religion 12
	12:25 PM	English 8 Enriched English 8			Chemistry 11 French Portfolio	English 12
Tuesday, June 9	8:25 AM	French Portfolio	French Portfolio	Numeracy/Literacy 10 Assessment Makeup	English 11	Chemistry 12
	12:25 PM	French Portfolio	English 9 Enriched English 9	French Portfolio		Political Studies 12
Wednesday, June 10	8:25 AM	French Portfolio	Religion 9	French Portfolio	Physics 11	Physics 12
	12:25 PM	Science 8		Workplace Math 10 Foundations of Math 10 French Portfolio	French Portfolio	French Portfolio Philosophy 12
Thursday, June 11	8:25 AM	Math 8 Accelerated Math 8/9 Workplace Math 8		French Portfolio		Calculus 12 AP Calculus Comparative Cultures 12 French Portfolio
	12:25 PM		Math 9	Science 10		French Portfolio Economics 12
Friday, June 12	8:25 AM	French Portfolio			Pre Calc 11 Foundations of Math 11 Workplace Math 11 French Portfolio Spanish 11 Challenge	Pre Calc 12 Foundations of Math 12 French Portfolio
	12:25 PM	Religion 8		Socials 10	French Portfolio	Literature 12 Psychology 12
Monday, June 15	8:25 AM	French Portfolio			Intro/Spanish Oral Life Science 11	French Portfolio Anatomy & Physiology 12
	12:25 PM	French Portfolio	Socials 9	French Portfolio		20th Century World History 12 AP Computer Science
Tuesday, June 16	8:25 AM		French Portfolio			French Portfolio Human Geography 12
	12:25 PM		French Portfolio			Psychology 12

AM EXAMS: Students must be in the gym for morning exams at 8:25am

PM EXAMS: Students must be in the gym for afternoon exams at 12:25pm

2026 Exam Schedule - June 8 - 16

All classes will not be in session during exam week.

Students should contact Mr. Salituro at salituro@aquinas.org, or at the school office, in regards to any exam conflicts.

Grade 10 Provincial Numeracy Assessment - Wednesday, April 22

An email has been sent to Grade 10 students and parents today. Grade 10 Students will be writing their required Provincial Numeracy Assessment. Students have been assigned to one of two writing sessions: the morning session (8:25am - 11:40am) or the afternoon session (11:45am - 3:00pm).

Please note that grade 10 students are not required to attend their classes on this day unless they are scheduled for a senior class before or after their assessment. Students are asked to bring a pencil, eraser and scientific calculator.

Thank you for your attention to this important schedule update.



Message from Cambridge Uniforms

This letter provides families with the following important information:

- Our website address is [here](#)
- Your online school code is: **QUI567**
- Uniforms for St. Thomas Aquinas are only purchased at our WELCH LOCATION
- Please place all back to school orders by June 15, 2026
- Orders placed in August and September are likely to incur delays

We wish you and your staff a successful end of year term and we look forward to serving you and your families for the 2026/27 school year.

Paris, London and Barcelona Spring Break 2027 - Don't Miss Out - Prices Are Going Up Soon!

Locking in your spot before May 1st means you'll save money AND secure your place on what is going to be an absolutely incredible experience. **Starting May 1:**

- Program prices will be increasing by approximately \$50 - \$100
- The \$100 Early Enrollment Discount expires
- That means signing up before May 1 could save you up to \$200 - so if you've been on the fence about joining us, now is the perfect time to make it official!



We would love to have you travel with us! You can sign up [here](#) and feel free to reach out if you have any questions [Mr. Domina](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS

Check out the school [calendar](#) for these and other events:

April

16 and 24 - Men's Hostel Ministry - Baked Goods or Sandwich Drop Off at 8:00 - 9:00am

17 - STA Wild West Hoedown at 6:30pm - 8:30pm

23 - Spirit Day

29 - May 1 Grade 12 Retreat

May

3 - Door Is Open

CAMPUS MINISTRY



All STA students! You're invited to join the **Alpha Youth Series - every Wednesday at 3:15pm in Room 409**

Alpha is a place to share a meal, watch a short video, and talk honestly about life, faith, and meaning. It's relaxed, open, and a great space to explore big questions with friends.

If you'd like to finish this school year in a meaningful way, come join us.

Bring a friend - we'd love to see you there!

Arise Youth Retreat - June 29 - July 2 at Camp Jubilee, North Vancouver

Students entering Grades 9 and 10 in September 2026 are invited to the Archdiocese of Vancouver's Arise Youth Retreat with Christ the Redeemer's Youth Ministry. At Arise, they will learn and grow in their faith through engaging activities (including outdoor recreation activities), presentations, games, skits, reflection, sharing, and the opportunity to interact with each other in a faith-filled, safe environment. If interested, please contact [CTR Youth Ministry](#) by May 25, 2026. The registration form must be submitted to Christ the Redeemer and can be found at this [here](#).





Science and the Supernatural

Neuroscience, Near-Death Experiences, and Eucharistic Miracles

Join us for four fascinating talks given by Dr. David Neima, which will explore the remarkable intersection between faith and science, highlighting recent discoveries and emerging evidence that resonate with core theological teachings, offering thought-provoking insights into the nature of the soul, near death experiences and medical investigations into Eucharistic miracles.

Near Death Medical Data for Life After Death

7pm - Thursday, February 26
St. Thomas Aquinas High School
541 West Keith Road, North Vancouver

Medical Examination of Eucharist Miracles

7pm - Thu, March 12 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

Big Bang Theory and Cosmological Constants

7pm - Thu, April 16 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

The Fossil Record and Intelligent Design

7pm - Thu, June 4 (St. Thomas Aquinas High School)

All are welcome. To register for attendance in person or online, please contact adriana.landberg@gmail.com.

For more information, please contact jessicachoo@mac.com.



Dr. David Neima is a medical ophthalmologist who began his career in 1972. His background includes research in neurophysiology and several years as a general practitioner before specializing in ophthalmology. He continues to practice part-time and has participated in numerous medical mission trips. Married for 51 years, he and his wife have four children and four grandchildren. Raised in an atheist household, Dr. Neima became an evangelical Christian at university and entered the Catholic Church 32 years ago.

These talks and discussions aim to deepen our understanding of Catholic doctrine. They offer an opportunity to engage with others who are striving to live their faith well in everyday life. The goal is to build intellectual confidence in understanding and defending the faith, with sessions designed to provide instruction in theology and philosophy applicable to ordinary life.

PARENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITES

Help needed:

Volunteers are needed for:

- Grandparents Tea on May 5 and 6
- New Parent Night on May 12 at 5:00-9:00pm

Click on the **Parent Participation Portal** to register.

Thank you for your involvement!